

Notice of Allowability

Application No.

10/760,050

Applicant(s)

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Examiner

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All claims being allowable, PROSECUTION ON THE MERITS IS (OR REMAINS) CLOSED in this application. If not included herewith (or previously mailed), a Notice of Allowance (PTOL-85) or other appropriate communication will be mailed in due course. **THIS NOTICE OF ALLOWABILITY IS NOT A GRANT OF PATENT RIGHTS.** This application is subject to withdrawal from issue at the initiative of the Office or upon petition by the applicant. See 37 CFR 1.313 and MPEP 1308.

- 1. This communication is responsive to application dated February 1, 2004.
- 2. The allowed claim(s) is/are 1-7.
- 3. The drawings filed on 01 February 2004 are accepted by the Examiner.
- 4. Acknowledgment is made of a claim for foreign priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119(a)-(d) or (f).
 - a) All b) Some* c) None of the:
 - 1. Certified copies of the priority documents have been received.
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- 5. A SUBSTITUTE OATH OR DECLARATION must be submitted. Note the attached EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT or NOTICE OF INFORMAL PATENT APPLICATION (PTO-152) which gives reason(s) why the oath or declaration is deficient.
 - 6. CORRECTED DRAWINGS (as "replacement sheets") must be submitted.
 - (a) including changes required by the Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948) attached
 - 1) hereto or 2) to Paper No./Mail Date _____.
 - (b) including changes required by the attached Examiner's Amendment / Comment or in the Office action of Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- Identifying indicia such as the application number (see 37 CFR 1.84(c)) should be written on the drawings in the front (not the back) of each sheet. Replacement sheet(s) should be labeled as such in the header according to 37 CFR 1.121(d).**
- 7. DEPOSIT OF and/or INFORMATION about the deposit of BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL must be submitted. Note the attached Examiner's comment regarding REQUIREMENT FOR THE DEPOSIT OF BIOLOGICAL MATERIAL.

Attachment(s)

- 1. Notice of References Cited (PTO-892)
- 2. Notice of Draftsperson's Patent Drawing Review (PTO-948)
- 3. Information Disclosure Statements (PTO-1449 or PTO/SB/08), Paper No./Mail Date 7.23.04
- 4. Examiner's Comment Regarding Requirement for Deposit of Biological Material
- 5. Notice of Informal Patent Application (PTO-152)
- 6. Interview Summary (PTO-413), Paper No./Mail Date _____.
- 7. Examiner's Amendment/Comment
- 8. Examiner's Statement of Reasons for Allowance
- 9. Other _____.

REASONS FOR ALLOWANCE

1. The following is an examiner's statement of reasons for allowance:

Claims 1-5 are allowed, as the prior art of record does not teach or suggest a method for angiographic MRI scanning of a body of a patient lying on a table, using a magnetic resonance imaging apparatus having a basic field magnet that generates a basic magnetic field in a homogeneity volume, wherein the method including steps for simultaneously uniformly shifting the phase-coding gradient and the frequency-coding gradient in conformity with moving the table so that the block-shaped volume exhibits no motion relative to the table and no motion relative to the patient, until the block-shaped volume is disposed at an opposite edge of the homogeneity volume, in combination with the remaining limitations of the claims.

Claim 6 is allowed, as the prior art of record does not teach or suggest a magnetic resonance imaging apparatus for angiographic MRI scanning of a body of a patient, including simultaneously uniformly shifting the phase-coding gradient and the frequency-coding gradient in conformity with moving the table so that the block-shaped volume exhibits no motion relative to the table and no motion relative to the patient, until the block-shaped volume is disposed at an opposite edge of the homogeneity volume, in combination with the remaining limitations of the claim.

Claim 7 is allowed, as the prior art of record does not teach or suggest a computer program product for operating a magnetic resonance imaging apparatus for angiographic MRI scanning of a body of a patient lying on a table, using a magnetic resonance imaging apparatus having a basic field magnet that generates a basic

magnetic field in a homogeneity volume, an RF system and a gradient system, said computer program product being loadable into a control computer of the magnetic resonance imaging apparatus and programming the control computer to, including simultaneously uniformly shifting the phase-coding gradient and the frequency-coding gradient in conformity with moving the table so that the block-shaped volume exhibits no motion relative to the table and no motion relative to the patient, until the block-shaped volume is disposed at an opposite edge of the homogeneity volume, in combination with the remaining limitations of the claim.

2. Any comments considered necessary by applicant must be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee and, to avoid processing delays, should preferably accompany the issue fee. Such submissions should be clearly labeled "Comments on Statement of Reasons for Allowance."

3. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Brij B Shrivastav whose telephone number is 571-272-2250. The examiner can normally be reached on 7 AM to 4 PM.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Diego F. F. Gutierrez can be reached on 571-272-2245. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 703-872-9306.

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